

Given the wide audience that Sinclair Broadcasting reaches, it is imperative that perspectives be balanced, with audiences choosing what programming to view. A clear bias in the shows being aired is unacceptable. With respect to Sinclair, airing the anti-Kerry documentary just prior to this year's election is completely inappropriate unless an equally pro-Kerry or anti-Bush documentary is also shown. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.